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**Annual Niagara University
Research Symposium
on
Leadership and Policy**

Saturday, December 9, 2017

8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Academic Complex/Bisgrove Hall

Rooms 350 & 351

Equity in Sentencing Issues for African American Women: Comparative US and Multi-Country Research

Dr. Catherine Collins



Catherine Fisher Collins is a distinguished educator, author, and former Vice-President of the Buffalo City School District Board of Education. In 2015 she was appointed by the New York State Legislature as a member of the New York State Board of Regents. Her educational background includes an undergraduate degree in nursing from Trocaire College and a bachelor of science degree in Vocational Technical Education from the State University College at Buffalo. Dr. Collins also earned a master's degree in Allied Health Education and Curriculum Development and a doctoral degree in education administration from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Since 2011, she has hosted the Women's Health Radio show that airs in the Buffalo, NY area.

Abstract

Dr. Collins is a respected author and editor of over thirteen published books, including *Black Girls and Adolescents: Facing the Challenges*; *Sources of Stress and Relief for African American Women (Race and Ethnicity in Psychology)*; *The Imprisonment of African American Women: Causes, Experiences and Effects*, and many others. She continues to employ the research acumen and content concepts from her dissertation as well as her previous book investigations in her contemporary work as she identifies:

"In my book, *The Imprisonment of African American Women: Causes, Conditions, and Future Implications* (1997), I presented research in one of chapters entitled: International Corrections and Women of Color. This preliminary research serves as the focus for my current research-The International Treatment of Women of Color in Criminal Justices.

I will update my data collection of those countries discussed in this book chapter (Canada, Pakistan, Africa, England and America) and included several other countries. This research was to investigate if these countries treated their women of color in their criminal justice system as harshly as in the United States.

While data from Third World countries was sketchy or almost nonexistent at the time of my 1997 research, however, what we know is that equity in sentencing and treatment issues need to be seriously addressed for all women regardless of their location in the world."

Agenda

Research Symposium on Leadership and Policy

Niagara University

Academic Complex/Bisgrove Hall 350-351

December 9, 2017

8.45am – 9.00am

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. W Polka

Spotlighted Presenters: 9.00 - 10.30 am

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| • Dr. W. Polka | • William Campbell |
| • Dr. Catherine Collins | • Kimberley DeSimone |
| • Rosina Mete | • Steven Ursel |

Break: 10.30am -10.45am

Roundtable Discussions 1: 10.45 – 11.30 am

Table 1

- Erin Richardson
- Joe Wrigley
- Wendy Johnson

Table 2

- Wyleia Miller
- Paul Moskaluk
- Mike Alaimo

Roundtable Discussions 2: 11.35 - 12.20pm

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- Paul Moskaluk
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Wrap up: 12.30pm